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## CONGRESSIONAL JAM HALTS VITAL BILLS

Two Weeks of Present Session Have Produced No Important Results.

**MORE DELAY AHEAD**  
Recess to Be Followed by Talks on Tariff, Bonus and Funding Bills.

**TALK OF CLOSURE RULE**  
Sentiment Favors Move to Choke Off Irrelevant Debate, but This Will Be Fought.

Special Dispatch to THE NEW YORK HERALD, New York Herald Bureau, Washington, D. C., Dec. 18.

Administration leaders are again much worried over the jam of legislation in Congress and the tardiness of the legislative machinery on Capitol Hill. They point out that while the present session of Congress has been functioning two weeks no important legislation has been enacted, leaving the calendars crowded with vital matters—most of the measures to which the Harding Administration is committed.

Now Congress plans to take a recess next Thursday to extend until January 2. Aside from the long time which probably will be consumed by the discussions of the allied funding bill, the tariff bill, the bonus bill and other important controversial measures, the leaders point out that the treaties from the arms conference—and it is reported four will be presented to the Senate for ratification—undoubtedly will bring forth a prolonged and acrimonious debate consuming an indefinite amount of time.

Because of the gloomy outlook some of the leaders in Congress are planning for a series of conferences with President Harding during the holidays, hoping to devise ways and means to speed up the legislative mill.

### To Choke Off Debate.

There is a pronounced sentiment in the Senate in favor of the adoption of some sort of a closure to cut off irrelevant debate. A measure with that object in view will soon be reported by the Rules Committee. It will be bitterly attacked, especially from the Democratic side, according to Senator Robinson (Ark.), a member of the Rules subcommittee, which will take up more time of the Senate before any decision can be reached.

Senator Townsend (Mich.) is strongly in favor of some such legislation. Although he figures it will take a month to force through the Senate any sort of a workable closure rule, he says that despite the value of time now it would be well spent "if we succeed in curtailing irrelevant debate and frequent filibustering resorted to by the minority."

House leaders resent the accusation that they are responsible in any way for the present legislative jam and they are in no temper to submit to dictation from other departments of the Government, judging from the spirited reply made by Floor Leader Mondell (Wyo.) to the mild reprimand of the action of the House by Secretary of War Weeks.

Between now and adjournment for the holidays no important legislation will be considered. Senator Kenyon's bill authorizing the appointment of some one identified with the agricultural interests on the Federal Reserve Board has the right of way in the Senate. That measure will provoke discussion and again line up the agricultural bloc.

Senator Kenyon is strongly of the opinion that some such representation on the Federal Reserve Board is needed in order that the farmers be granted the financial relief to which they are entitled from the national Government.

In the House only routine matters will be considered this week for the most part.

### Will Rewrite Fordney Bill.

When Congress reconvenes after the holidays the bill providing for the funding of the war debt of eleven billions owed this country by foreign Governments under obligations maturing not later than June 15, 1917, and bearing interest at not less than 5 per cent, in keeping with recommendations of Secretary Mellon, will be brought before the Senate by Chairman Penrose of the Senate Finance Committee. He proposes to keep that measure before the Senate until definite action is taken.

In the meantime the Fordney tariff bill will be practically rewritten by the Senate Finance Committee, with the hope of whipping that measure into shape for submission to the Senate proper the latter part of January. Hearings on the tariff schedules will be closed this week.

When the tariff measure comes before the Senate it undoubtedly will precipitate much debate and some important amendments may be adopted, as the result of the activity of the minority and the different blocs. After its approval by the Senate it will go back to the House for the consideration of the amendments and then to conference. It will probably be some months before the new tariff law becomes operative. In the meantime business interests are more or less unsettled because of the uncertain provisions of the bill.

The distress of the Administration leaders is aggravated by the fact that about July 1 there will be a great exodus from Congress, regardless of the state of important bills, by the members who will go back home to spend the remaining months of the session in campaigns for reelection. Practically the entire membership of the House—435—will seek reelection, while thirty-two Senators must face the electorate and give an account of their stewardship in the last six years.

### CLAN MACNEIL GREETES CHIEF.

The Clan MacNeil Association of America held its first annual meeting Saturday evening at 15 East Sixtieth street, to welcome its chief, Hermon A. MacNeil, known as the MacNeil of Barra, forty-fifth chief of the Clan MacNeil of Scotland.

Mr. MacNeil, who is a sculptor, returned the welcome of his clansmen and presented to the association an autographed photograph from President Harding bearing his greetings and well wishes. James Kennedy, the Scottish poet, recited some of his poems. Speakers were Malcolm MacNeil, president of the New York Scottish Society; Robert H. MacNeil of Washington, D. C., and Rev. Allan MacNeil.

## FIVE BLOCK WALL STREET RADIUS TO GO, IS WARNING

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for Lenin's Government, was nothing more or less than the payment for the Communists of the Third Internationale. The Reds had plenty of money then. They have gone bankrupt now, and this incidentally means the end of them here as well as elsewhere. They have no money. Therefore they are rendered impotent.

"But to get back to Lindenfeld, it would have been the height of absurdity for us to have arrested him directly after the explosion. That would have closed his mouth entirely. We let him roam to get this very statement from him. As a matter of fact, the statement contains no news for me. I know all the names he mentions. I know the entire story as he tells it. All we wanted was his own words."

"Had it not been for this blowoff we would have been about ready to make the arrests required to close the pursuit of the criminals. But now I am not in position to make predictions. Some of the names Lindenfeld gives are familiar ones."

"Otherwise than as radicals?" he was asked.

"I can't see the wisdom of answering that," replied the chief. "But I want to make it clear that Lindenfeld was never before in the employ of the Burns Detective Agency, nor of the Government. He was, at one time, a stooge or informer for the New York Police Department, despite their denials of that fact. I merely sent Lindenfeld to Europe to follow up and locate certain radicals we wanted. Then we sent two men, whose names I shall not mention, to shadow him."

"Then I sent Paul Alendoff, who, despite what people say about him, has done excellent service. Later on Silvester Cosgrove followed Alendoff. To Alendoff and Cosgrove, Lindenfeld said that he had made regular reports, but that they must have been interpreted and thus prevented from reaching Washington. And that may be a true story. It is hard to tell what he ran up against. I don't know how they got this statement out of him. But I must say that Alendoff was made to order for this sort of work."

"Alendoff and Cosgrove made regular reports. Four days before the newspapers published the fact that Lindenfeld had made the longed for statement we knew where every man and woman identified with the perpetration of the Wall Street explosion was. Now—"

"For that matter we could have arrested the whole lot of them six months ago had we had this statement from"

**RED'S THREAT BRINGS GUARD FOR EMPLOYER**  
**Scoville Co. Officially Protected at Waterbury.**

WATERBURY, Conn., Dec. 18.—Three members of the police force, in plain clothes, to-night formed a guard around the residence of John H. Goss, vice-president and general superintendent of the Scoville Manufacturing Co. of this city.

The action of the police is the result of information received by members of the local detective department to the effect that the safety of Mr. Goss had been threatened by Russian radicals disconcerted because of the present industrial depression.

**BELIEVES 20 STILLS SUPPLY ATLANTIC CITY**  
**Jersey Constabulary to Be Used in Search.**

ATLANTIC CITY, Dec. 18.—Burton A. Gaskell, who is in charge of the enforcement of the Volstead act in this county, said to-night that he has obtained evidence which leads him to believe that more than twenty moonshine stills are being operated within a radius of thirty miles of this city. It is from these stills, Mr. Gaskell believes that the bootleggers and saloon-keepers of Atlantic City have been obtaining their supplies.

Mr. Gaskell announced that beginning to-morrow he would enlist the services of the State Constabulary in the effort to "stamp out the newest form of bootlegging which is reaping high profits for the moonshiners."

It is understood that the stills are protected by armed guards who patrol the woods near where the whiskey is being made. Mr. Gaskell obtained the evidence which indicated the presence of stills while investigating an automobile accident in which several intoxicated persons figured.

**ASKS UNION REFERENDUM.**

As a basis for settling the dispute regarding whether he or Dominick D'Alessandro, president of International Harvester Union, has abided by the laws of the American Federation of Labor and is entitled to the recognition of the federation, G. B. DiGiorgio, general president of the Independent Bricklayers, Helpers and Building Laborers Union, proposed yesterday that both he and D'Alessandro resign and the issue be settled by a joint convention of the two organizations or referendum to the rank and file.

**HOW AL SMITH STANDS.**

William H. Anderson, State Superintendent of the Anti-Saloon League, declared yesterday that if Alfred E. Smith is elected Governor next year the league will fight him on his prohibition record, but that if he runs for the United States Senate, Senator William M. Calder the League, while not supporting Mr. Smith, would "not lift a hand to prevent his defeating Senator Calder."

**SAVE 12 FIVE DAYS ON REEF.**

**Motor Boat Crew Rescued by Hydroplane Off Florida.**

MIAMI, Fla., Dec. 18.—After spending five days without food or water on a reef of the Bahama Islands, twelve men aboard the stranded British motor boat *Priscilla* have been rescued by a hydroplane of the Aeromarine Airways Company, according to word received here to-day.

**DECIDE GRANDMOTHER'S FATE.**

**Jurors Return Sealed Verdict in Killing of Unwed Daughter's Baby.**

ADRIAN, Mich., Dec. 18.—Mrs. Matie Kirby, the Adrian, Mich., temperance leader, charged with manslaughter in connection with the disappearance of an infant son born to her unwed daughter, Alice, will know her fate at 9 o'clock to-morrow morning, when a verdict is reached by a jury that had deliberated since Friday night will be opened. The jury's verdict was sealed. The presiding judge was absent.

**"Peace on Earth Good Will To Men"**

BY Presidential proclamation war with Germany is really at an end. Now comes an interchange of ambassadors and of diplomatic and commercial representatives, again to weld the natural ties of respect and friendship which have too long been sundered.

In our present state of civilization two nations cannot be permanently at odds. Each nation of the world depends in greater or lesser degree upon every other nation, and the advancement of civilization and the salvation of mankind depend upon international amity and good will.

No time is this for the continuation of national animosities or the nourishing of past ill feeling. It is a time for great-heartedness, for condonement and forgiveness, a time so alive with possibilities that a kind word can rekindle the fires of faith that have burned so low.

Then let us put rancor from our hearts, let us strive for better feeling, and let there be humility before God—that once again there may be

**"Peace on Earth, Good Will To Men."**

*James S. Boward*

## SLAYING PREVENTS CHRISTMAS REUNION

Father Killed in Quarrel on Shopping Expedition for Children.

Special Dispatch to THE NEW YORK HERALD.

NEW CASTLE, Pa., Dec. 18.—Joe Margel was to have taken his wife home from an insane asylum day after to-morrow. She had been cared for at the institution for several years, and the authorities had granted permission to him to have her at home for a trial with her family again, believing her recovered.

The two children in the Margel family were eagerly anticipating the return of the mother. Their vision of this Christmas was an exceptionally happy one. Their father started "up street" yesterday to get some little Christmas remembrances for the youngsters. He had made several purchases and was about ready to return home. He entered a restaurant and was chatting with friends. Constable Louis Weinberg entered. In some manner the constable and Margel got into an argument. Margel seized a cuspidor and hurled it at Weinberg, knocking him down. In his rage he continued to attack the constable.

From his position on the floor Weinberg shot at Margel. The bullet hit his mark and the father fell and died before he reached the hospital.

Authorities investigating the case are in a quandary. They seem to tell the recovered wife at the asylum of the fact that her husband is dead.

At the Margel home in Cedar street the children are fatherless and motherless, and what was for these little youngsters to be their most happy Christmas has been turned into one of the most tragic.

**BALKS PLOT TO BURN HOME.**

**Man Finds Oil Soaked Papers in Hallway.**

Returning early yesterday morning to the five story brick apartment house in 2 East 133d street, where he lives, Louis Tenkin found in the hallway an oil soaked bundle of newspapers which had just started to burn. He threw the papers into the street, and notified Patrolman William Smith of the East 126th street station. There are twenty families in the house, which is owned by Mrs. Rose Block of 835 West 155th street.

Tenkin said he saw no one leave the hall or observe any one acting suspiciously. The Fire Marshal is making an investigation.

## BEE PALMER TO TELL ABOUT JACK DEMPSEY

At Present She Devotes Her Fire to Husband.

Special Dispatch to THE NEW YORK HERALD.

CHICAGO, Dec. 18.—Bee Palmer, characterized Al Siegel as a "cheap piano player" whom she "picked up out of the gutters," in her reply to her husband's charges that she had become enamored of Jack Dempsey during their recent vaudeville engagement.

"I don't care to say anything about Jack Dempsey," she said. "But I will have lots to say about him when the case is called. I have scars all over my body where Siegel beat me. One is over my left eye. He beat me so that often I could not appear to fill engagements."

"I don't know why I married him. I picked him up out of the gutter. I married him at midnight on the impulse of the moment. I guess I fell sorry for him. Now he's in a conspiracy to blackmail me, but I am going to fight."

Miss Palmer and Jack Dempsey appeared in a vaudeville sketch for three weeks, following which Siegel filed suit for \$250,000 against the heavyweight champion, alleging alienation of his wife's affections. Dempsey said it was a scheme by a couple of "cheap vaudeville performers to get publicity."

**DRUG CACHE GUARDED BY AMERICAN FLAG**

**Arrest and Seizure Follow Trailing of Woman Addict.**

Benjamin Shavatoffsky, alias John Harris, 39, was arrested yesterday morning in an apartment in 18 East Fourth street charged with possessing narcotics. At a hearing before Magistrate Frothingham in Jefferson Market Court he was held under \$1,000 bail for further examination.

The arrest was made after Lieut. Joseph J. Joney and two detectives of the narcotic squad had trailed a woman known as a drug addict to the man's apartment. They allege they found nineteen large bottles of cocaine and heroin in a hole in the wall and concealed by an American flag. The police say Shavatoffsky has served two prison sentences, one in Elmira Reformatory for felonious assault and another in Sing Sing for burglary.

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